

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION OF INTERNET CHARGES
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to reduce internet charges by government service providers in order to promote internet/computer awareness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal by the two Government Service Providers, viz Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) To promote internet/computer awareness, in November 2002, BSNL and MTNL have already reduced the local call charges for internet access by 50% during night time, starting from 22:30 hrs. to 06:30 hrs.